

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were presented for examination and are pending. Claims 1-17, 21 and 23-26 are rejected. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections

Claims 1-26 are rejected as being unpatentable over Fajardo et al. in view of Krupke.

It is noted that claims 18-20 and 22 are indicated as allowable. The rejection of claim 1 should be withdrawn because it has been amended to include the limitations of claim 18, which has been canceled. Claims 24-26 have also been canceled. The rejection of claims 2-17 and 19-23 should be withdrawn because they depend from claim 1. Therefore the rejection should be withdrawn.

Allowable Subject Matter

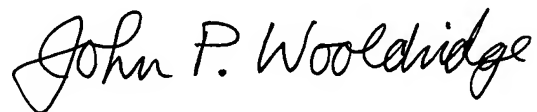
The Examiner indicates that claims 18-20 and 22 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As discussed above, claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 18. Therefore the objection should be withdrawn.

Conclusions

It is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance based on claims 1-17 and 19-23 in view of the amendments thereto and the foregoing comments.

If any impediments remain to prompt allowance of the case, please contact the undersigned at 808-875-0012.

Respectfully submitted,

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